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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You have revealed Your commands and Your marvelous deeds throughout the ages to Your people of faith. In weekend worship we have been strengthened by the faith of others and empowered to see Your action in the unfolding of the present moment.

To stand firm in faith is to push against fear. If we persevere in faith, sadness will never overtake the heart. For sadness comes from the disappointment of placing our trust in ourselves or in anything or anyone other than You, O Lord. All Your creatures are frail and lifeless without You, O Lord, and human hearts never find rest except in what is stable and secure.

Inspire renewed faith in the Members of the House of Representatives as this Nation seeks direction from You, the Creator and Governor of the universe. To achieve justice in our time and pave the way for a secure peace in the world, fasten our hearts on being Your instruments of re-creation now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6:30 p.m. today.

REVOCATION OF PUBLIC LAND ORDER WITH RESPECT TO LANDS ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CALIFORNIA

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3937) to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3937

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REVOCATION OF PUBLIC LAND ORDER WITH RESPECT TO LANDS ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CALIFORNIA.

Public Land Order 3442, dated August 21, 1964, is revoked insofar as it applies to the following described lands: San Bernardino Meridian, T11S, R22E, sec. 6, all of lots 1, 16, and 17, and SE¼ of SW¼ in Imperial County, California, aggregating approximately 140.32 acres.

SEC. 2. RESURVEY AND NOTICE OF MODIFIED BOUNDARIES.

The Secretary of the Interior shall, by not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act—

(1) resurvey the boundaries of the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, as modified by the revocation under section 1;

(2) publish notice of, and post conspicuous signs marking, the boundaries of the refuge determined in such resurvey; and

(3) prepare and publish a map showing the boundaries of the refuge.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON).

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This legislation will revoke a small portion of the Public Land Order that originally created Cibola in 1964. While the refuge is more than 17,000 acres, there is a small component of the unit known as "Walter's Camp." Based on

testimony from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it is clear that a mistake was made to include this property within the refuge. In fact, about a dozen years ago, the Service constructed a fence around what they thought were the boundaries of the refuge, and Walter's Camp was excluded.

Walter's Camp has provided recreational opportunities for over 40 years. It provides family-friendly recreation to nearly 15,000 people a year who travel there to camp, hike, canoe, fish, bird watch and rockhound along the lower Colorado River.

The concessionaire who operates this camp has obtained the necessary permits from the Bureau of Land Management. According to a BLM representative in Yuma, Arizona, there have been no problems with Walter's Camp, the concessionaire has been extremely cooperative, the facilities are inspected about every 6 months, and by transferring title to BLM, the net effect will be to improve environmental protection for the lower Colorado River.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service testified there are little, if any, resource values on the 140 affected acres and that the best course of action for everyone, including the Government, the concessionaire and the general public, is to remove these lands from the refuge system.

H.R. 3937 will accomplish that goal. It will end the confusion as to who has title to this property, and it will reaffirm that the management of the concession is the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

I urge an aye vote on H.R. 3937, and I want to compliment the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) for his tireless efforts on behalf of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, as stated by the previous speaker, my colleague, the overall purpose of the bill before the House is to resolve a long-standing error that included a concession known as Walter's Camp as part of the original land withdrawal which established the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge.

In the course of the Committee on Resources' investigation into this matter, we have come to understand that the inclusion of Walter's Camp was a genuine error in the original 1964 withdrawal. We have also been careful to ensure that nothing in H.R. 3937 will affect public ownership of the lands revoked by H.R. 3937. All title interests will remain with the Federal Government.

As a result, I support this legislation to correct the mistake which under law cannot be resolved administratively by the Secretary of the Interior.

Some concerns were raised, however, concerning the potential for encroachment onto the Cibola Refuge, intentional or accidental, by recreational off-road vehicle enthusiasts who might visit Walter's Camp in the future. Clearly, off-road vehicle use is not compatible with the purposes of the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge. Moreover, this issue could become a significant management headache for both the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the agency that oversees the concession permit for Walter's Camp.

In this respect, I commend the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, and the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD), the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee, for amending the bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to, within 6 months after the date of enactment, to re-survey and conspicuously mark the new adjusted boundaries.

I also note for the record that H.R. 3937, as amended in committee, would not affect in any way concession operations at Walter's Camp, nor would this legislation impose any new regulations on the different recreational activities, including ORV use, that occur on nearby Bureau of Land Management lands or lands within the refuge.

H.R. 3937 is thoughtful, common-sense legislation that will correct an administrative error, protect the fragile wildlife habitat of the Cibola Refuge and ensure the future operation of a much-needed recreational facility in a remote area.

I urge Members to support H.R. 3937.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We may have a colleague showing up here momentarily, but let me thank the gentlewoman, first of all, for her comments on this, and point out that we worked very well together on these bills where there is consensus and important issues, including recreation, for our constituents and the people of America.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for allowing this vote today on H.R. 3937. I would also like to express my appreciation to my constituent, Mr. Frank Dokter, who brought this important issue to my attention, and to Chairman GILCREST whose leadership was necessary in bringing this bill to the floor. The legislation is necessary to enable a family in my district to continue operating a long time outdoor recreation camp on a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permit, which is in danger of being cancelled since the BLM recently discovered that the camp was included in the creation of a National Refuge in 1964.

Mr. Dokter and his family operate Walter's Camp, a BLM concession on land near the lower Colorado River in Imperial County, California. The facility provides visitors with a fam-

ily-friendly outdoors experience, which includes camping, hiking, canoeing, fishing, bird-watching and rock-hounding. In an increasingly crowded Southern California, Mr. Dokter and his family have provided a welcome diversion from city life to many of the region's outdoors enthusiasts.

Walter's Camp was first authorized in 1962, and in August 1964, Public Land Order 3442 withdrew 16,627 acres along the Colorado River to create the Refuge. The withdrawal erroneously included the 140 acre Walter's Camp, but neither the BLM or the Fish and Wildlife Service knew the new Refuge contained the Camp. Refuge personnel even built a fence years ago physically excluding Walter's Camp from the Refuge. The BLM continued to renew the original permit, allowing the recreational concession use to continue unbroken until the present time. However, given this recent discovery, the BLM does not have the authority to continue issuing the concession contracts to Walter's Camp.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the BLM agree that the land has "insignificant, if any, existing, potential, wildlife habitat value," as stated in a Department of Interior memo. Therefore, I have introduced H.R. 3937 to correct this mistake and allow the BLM to continue to issue contracts to Walter's Camp.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincere recommendation that this land be taken out of the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, and that Mr. Dokter's family be allowed to continue such a valuable and productive service to our region. Respectfully, I urge my colleagues' support on final passage.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3937, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY REVISION ACT OF 2002

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3786) to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3786

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY REVISION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The first section of Public Law 92-593 (16 U.S.C. 460dd; 86 Stat. 1311) is amended—

(1) by striking "That in" and inserting "SECTION 1. (a) In"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b)(1) In addition to the boundary change authority under subsection (a), the Secretary may acquire approximately 152 acres of private land in exchange for approximately 370 acres of land within the boundary of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Page One Land Exchange Proposal', number 608/60573a-2002, and dated May 16, 2002. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service. Upon conclusion of the exchange, the boundary of the recreation area shall be revised to reflect the exchange.

"(2) Before the land exchange under this subsection, the Secretary may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the person that will acquire lands from the United States in the exchange, to establish such terms and conditions as are mutually agreeable regarding how those lands will be managed after the exchange."

(b) *CHANGE IN ACREAGE CEILING.*—Such section is further amended by striking "one million two hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and eighty acres" and inserting "1,256,000 acres".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON).

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 3786, which I introduced, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to complete a land exchange that would help him protect an important scenic view located in southern Utah at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and to revise the boundaries of the park to reflect the exchange and the present boundaries of the park.

The exchange would facilitate the acquisition of 152 acres, including an important scenic view by the Park Service, while the private developer would acquire 370 acres of land on the other side of Highway 89. The parcel acquired by the Park Service will also help facilitate a more manageable boundary at the park's most visited entrance. While the Park Service will be acquiring land of considerably greater value than the developer, the private developer has expressed a willingness to donate the approximately \$350,000 difference in value to the National Park Service.

H.R. 3786, as amended, also contains a provision that authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the developer to describe such terms and conditions as are mutually agreeable regarding how the lands will be managed following the exchange.

The bill is supported by both the majority and minority, as well as the administration, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.